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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

Thoughts on MISTIC, Part I

1. I was impressed by the interest shown by the Townes Panel on our MISTIC concept. It seems also that they have a very great potential scientifically to offer such a group from time to time. It occurred to me that we might be very wise to constitute a special scientific advisory group for MISTIC which would meet each quarter to comment to you and me on its progress and needs. I would propose to make such a group up from about six to ten outstanding people covering the relevant disciplines. I would be sure to include Bill Perry, Dick Latter and Joe Shea so as to provide an explicit technical tie to the Army, Air Force and NASA. In this way we could develop a fairly broad base for support of MISTIC without saddling ourselves with a generals' and admirals' committee. Such a group would give the MISTIC a more catholic flavor and would be in line with the recommendations of the [REDACTED] review panel's report which you ought to read.

2. Would you examine this idea and the constitution of the Stern Panel, Hyland Panel and Townes Panel for a slate of candidates.

(seen in draft)

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6. I then referred to a comment which he had made during one of our earlier meetings about some dissatisfaction in DIA for lack of information about CIA external research activities. General Carroll had told me some time in September that one of the complaints which he had heard about CIA was the alleged fact that we had withheld information about our external research contracts in the technical and scientific field. I said that the Agency was now proceeding with the establishment of a nucleus of highly competent analysts to proceed with research in the missile field and that there has been some conversations between the DCI and Dr. Fubini and others on this subject. There followed some discussion of the organization and status of MYSTIC, which I said has now been abandoned as a concept. I said that the Agency and the DCI had been informed of a directive from the Deputy Secretary requiring the compilation of an inventory of all assets in DOD related to the assembly and evaluation of information data concerning missile development. General Carroll said that he understood that this directive had been inspired by the DCI.

7. General Carroll then discussed at some length his objectives and responsibilities in the field of scientific and technical intelligence. He said that by the first of the year he expected to have completed the inventory which he was undertaking with Gene Fubini of missile-related intelligence activities. He hopes to develop and consolidate within the Defense Department a considerably increased competence in this field. He hopes that appropriate mechanisms and procedures for the coordination of this effort with the Agency efforts will develop. He is concerned with the necessity for the full exchange of information concerning who is doing what in order to avoid overlaps and insure the most effective concentration of effort on priority targets, etc. He talked about his relations with the services on R&D matters which have an intelligence by-product in the scientific and technical field. Responsibility for R&D remains with the services, but insofar as intelligence products are involved, General Carroll's charter permits him direct access to the components involved which he is authorized to task and which must provide reports and information as required. Relations with the FTD will follow this pattern.

8. I said that I was solely and exclusively concerned with the problem of providing him with information about CIA external research contracts and that Bud Wheelon was prepared to come over and brief him on this subject, if he so desired. He said he would like such a briefing but suggested that it be postponed until completion of the inventory referred to above.